

**Electoral structure review - Corangamite Shire Council - Response Submission
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In relation to the Corangamite Shire Council electoral structure review, I believe that proposed model 3 is the most appropriate option.

Corangamite Shire covers a large area, and has a range of geographic and demographic differences, which results in distinct communities of interest. By having 7 single-councillor wards, it is more likely that each ward would continue to be served by a local candidate who understands local issues. Residents currently have strong connections to their local councillors and these connections would be maintained by single councillor wards, with residents being more likely to interact with councillors who understand their local area and the issues faced.